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This volume is published in celebration of Karl Gruenberg's 65th birthday. It happens that he also retires this year after forty almost continuous years at Queen Mary & Westfield College in London. He was born in Austria in 1928 and came to Britain as a boy after the Anschluss in 1938. He was educated in Britain and was awarded a B.A. from Cambridge in 1950. He then studied for a Ph.D. with Philip Hall, which he obtained in 1954.

He went to Queen Mary College as an assistant lecturer in 1953; this was the first of Kurt Hirsch's many inspired appointments. In 1955 he went to the USA for two years but returned to Queen Mary College in 1957 where he has been ever since. He was promoted to a Readership in 1961 and made a professor in 1967.

During this period QMW has become one of the major centres for Mathematics in Britain and Karl Gruenberg has been at the heart of that development. This is due not only to his mathematical ability but also to his personality and enthusiasm for mathematics. Many of the papers in this volume will testify to his lasting influence on group theory. We hope that this will be seen as a fitting tribute to Karl Gruenberg's contribution to mathematics over the last forty years.

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